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BRIEFING NOTE: POLAND

We have little information beyond that reported in our Briefing Note of 0730, 14 December. The regime radio station claims the situation in Warsaw is calm, with public transportation running normally. [REDACTED]

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We have no reports of violence, beyond police use of water cannon yesterday afternoon against the crowd that had gathered outside Solidarity's Warsaw headquarters. The police seized the headquarters during the night, this time apparently permanently. Rural Solidarity's Warsaw headquarters are also closed. [REDACTED]

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According to Solidarity leaflets distributed yesterday, its factory committees were to begin meeting this morning. It may take some time for the results of this activity to become clear, if indeed many of these bodies have been able to reconstitute themselves. It now seems clear that a large number of activists, probably in the thousands, were arrested, and communications between committees will have to take place principally by courier. We have no further word on the national strike committee that was reportedly attempting to organize in Gdansk. The success of the Gdansk effort may be key as to whether Solidarity is able to mount a counter to the regime's enactment of a "state of law." [REDACTED]

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The Soviet central press gave front page coverage today to the announcement of martial law. They also published the full text of Jaruzelski's speech, suggesting Moscow's satisfaction that forceful action has been taken. [REDACTED]

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